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1. AUTHORITIES HAVE NOW BEGUN TO RELEASE SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF PEOPLE PICKED UP IN CONNECTION WITH MARCH 1 INDEPENDENCE DAY AFFAIR. THUS FAR WE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT ON MARCH 10, DR. CHONG IL-HYONG, NDP ASSEMBLYMAN, YI U-CHONG, HEAD KOREA CHURCH WOMEN UNITED, MRS. KIM TAE-CHUNG, MRS. YUN PO-SUN, QUAKER HAM SOK-HAM AND FIVE CATHOLIC PRIESTS WERE RELEASED.

2. ACCORDING NCCK STAFFER WHO TALKED WITH YI U-CHONG, HER CASE HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE PROSECUTOR FOR PREPARATION OF FORMAL EM-9 INDICTMENT. HOWEVER, SHE IS FREE UNDER LUTHORITY OF PROSECUTOR.

3. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM PEOPLE WHO TALKED WITH CHONG IL-HYONG AND HAM SOK-HAN AFTER THEIR RELEASE THAT THEIR INTERROGATORS PURSUED LINE OF QUESTIONING

AIMED AT ESTABLISHING EXISTENCE OF CONSPIRACY AGAINST GOVERNMENT.

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4. AS OF THIS WRITING, COB MARCH 10, WE ARE STILL
AWAITING PUBLIC STATEMENT ABOUT AFFAIR WHICH PROSECUTOR
GENERAL WAS EXPECTED TO MAKE MID-AFTERNOON.
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